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SUBJ: BUILDING RENOVATIONS IN EMBASSY ATHENS AND CONSULATE

THESSALONIKI

FOR: A/FBO

1. REORGANIZATION AND RENOVATIONS OF THE CONSULAR SECTIONS OF THE EMASSY AND CONSLATE THESSALONIKI ARE PLANNED AND PROPOSED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NEEDED ADDITIONAL WAITING ROOM SPACE, IMPROVE THE FLOW OF VISA TRAFFIC, AND GIVE MORE PRIVACY FOR CONSULATE PERSONNEL CONDUCTING VISA INTERVIEWS.
2. THE CONSULATE IN THESSALONIKI WILL REQUEST LOCAL CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT BID OFFERS FOR CONSULATE GROUND FLOOR OFFICE CHANGES. AS SOON AS THESE FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE EMBASSY WILL REQUEST FUNDS ACCORDINGLY.
3. EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION-THE EMASSY PROPOSES TO INCSEASE WAITING ROOM SPACE IN THE CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT SECTIONS AND MOVE THE EMASSY PROTECTION AND WELFARE UNITS INTO THE PRESENT PASSPORT AREA. THIS CHANGE WAS REQUESTED BY THE CONSULAR SECTION, AND APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE INSPECTORS DURING THE LAST POST INSPECTION. LOCALCONTRACTORS WILL IN STALL ACOUSTICAL TILES AND CURTAINS, ALL OTHER MODIFICATIONS AND ALERATIONS IN THE EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE EMBASSY BUILDING MAINTENANCE SECTION.
4. FUNDING-AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING FOR THE EMBASSY PROJECT IS REQUESTED. THE TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS, INCLUDING MATERIALS, IS 5.200. DOLS
5. THE EMBASSY ENGINEER HAS BEEN TO THESSALONIKI, AND PERSONALLY SURVEYED THE GROUND FLOOR AREA WHERE EXTENSIVE

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RENOVATIONS ARE PROPOSED. HE HAS ALSO VIEWED THE PROPOSED

EMBASSY PLANS AND CONCURS WITH BOTH THE THESSALONIKI AND
EMBASSY GROUND FLOOR CONSULAR SECTION CHANGES. PLANS
FOR BOTH RENOVATIONS ARE BEING SENT TO FBO VIA POUCH UNDER
A COVERING OM. EARLY APPROVAL IS REQUESTED FOR BOTH PROJECTS.
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